

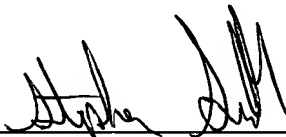
Submitted herewith is a 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration of prior invention to overcome Wakui. The Declaration sets forth facts sufficient to show conception of the invention prior to the effective date of Wakui, 12/22/95, coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective date of Wakui to the filing date of the present application (constructive reduction to practice).

Applicant's arguments from the prior Amendment are hereby incorporated by reference. It is submitted that the primary reference, Parulski, in combination with the other cited references, fails to teach or suggest the claimed features of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the independent claims are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to issue of claims 1-9 and 11-13.

Applicants' attorney believes that this Application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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